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The Second Session of the Sixth Meeting United States - People's Republic of China Joint Commission on Scientific and Technological Cooperation convened in Beijing, China, on January 16, 1995. The Commission was established by the 1979 Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the People's Republic of China on Cooperation in Science and Technology. The Joint Commission Meeting was co-chaired by Dr. Song Jian, State Councilor and Chairman of the State Science and Technology Commission of China, and Dr. John H. Gibbons, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology.

Dr. Song welcomed Dr. Gibbons and the members of the U.S. delegation to Beijing (delegation lists attached). Dr. Song and Dr. Gibbons highlighted the rapid progress made in the science and technology relationship between the two countries last year. The Deputy Heads of the Delegations highlighted specific progress made since the last meeting of the Joint Commission in April, 1994. Current and possible future areas of cooperation were discussed, including sustainable development (energy choices, agricultural practices, and Agenda 21), space, health, basic research, science exchanges, technology, and advanced materials. Potential areas of space cooperation might include Earth science and global change research, telemedicine, and space sciences. Science and technology cooperation might also include scientist-to-scientist and information exchanges, and joint publication of scientific and technical reports.

Symbolizing the importance of the U.S.-China science and technology relationship, two agreements were signed: the Protocol Between The State Bureau of Technical Supervision of the People's Republic of China and The National Institute of Standards and Technology of the Department of Commerce of the United States of America on Cooperation in the Fields of Metrology and Standards; and the Protocol Between the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and the State Education Commission and the National Natural Science Foundation of the

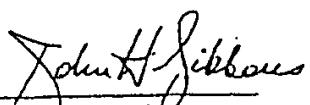
People's Republic of China and the National Science Foundation of the United States of America on Cooperation in the Basic Sciences.

Both sides exchanged views on proposed Ministerial Meeting of APEC on Science and Technology Cooperation and agreed that it is beneficial to strengthen and expand science and technology cooperation among APEC members. The Meeting would play an important role in promoting such cooperation.

After closing remarks, Dr. Gibbons thanked Dr. Song for hosting the meeting and invited the Chinese delegation to Washington for the next meeting.



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